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TOPIC Werder Restricted Area and Werder Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Between early December 1952 and 6 February 1953, the following information was received on the stores known as Wirtschaften which are supplied with merchandise by the merchandise distribution center in Werder, referred to as Basa.

Name of Store	Officer in Charge (Last Name and Rank)	Location of Store	Vehicles Assigned to Store
1) Boldowski	-	-	truck
2) Volevach	-	-	truck
3) Gitun	Senior Lieutenant Gitun wearing red- bordered silver epaulets	-	trucks
4) Gorshkov	Senior Lieutenant Gorshkov wearing red- bordered silver epaulets	-	MA
8) Toporkov	-	-	truck
9) Mashkin	-	-	trucks
11) Krushilnitski	-	-	trucks
12) Spichakov	-	-	trucks

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13)	Strishkov	Gds Major Strishkov,	trucks	25X1
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14)	Zulayev	- Wittenberg	truck	
16)	Chernov	-	truck	
17)	Shurunov	- Cottbus, determined in late January		
7b)	Magazin 12	- Rangsdorf	truck	
6b)	Laryek 3	-	truck	

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Shurunov, it was intended to transfer this store to Finsterwalde and to combine it with Store (10) Ovzianikov.¹

2. On 12 January, a general, accompanied by Major Kulikov (fnu), chief of the main office of Basa, inspected the Basa in Werder. The officers arrived in sedan. The general was extremely courteous.

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and wore two stars on his broad epaulets, broad blue stripes on his trousers and a golden cord on his cap.

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4. another merchandise distribution center is located in Forst Zinna the chief of which is Major Aleksandrov (fnu).²

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6. Trucks which belonged to the Basa in Werder were used for long-distance trips. Sedans observed being used by visitors of the Basa occupied by an air force major, occupied by a lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered silver epaulets, and occupied by an air force colonel and a major wearing red-bordered silver epaulets.

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8. A twin-engine plane took off from Werder airfield at about 11:30 a.m. on 16 and 17 December and at about 10:45 a.m. on 18 December.

9. In late December 1952, the road along Lake Zern was blocked even for traffic within the restricted area in Werder. Only Soviets who were in possession of special passes were admitted. Transient officers from lieutenant colonel upward were billeted in houses along this road, while officers of lower grades were billeted in hotels near the railroad station.³ In late 1952, [redacted] most of the officers who arrived in Werder at night left on the following day and that the officers belonged to all branches of service. [redacted]

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[redacted] the officers possibly were on furlough and were boarding the Blue Express at Wildpark railroad station.

10. The buildings at 93 and 94 Bahnhofstrasse which had been vacated were again occupied between 17 and 24 January 1953. House No 133 on Eisenbahnstrasse which was previously occupied by Soviet dependents was evacuated in mid-January 1953. Subsequently, it was occupied by the construction staff which was previously quartered at 138 Eisenbahn Strasse.

11. On 8 January, a column of 12 trucks [redacted] was observed in the restricted area in Werder proceeding from the airfield to the town. Seven trucks were occupied by 20 to 25 soldiers each and the remaining 5 trucks were loaded with luggage and billeting equipment. On 10 January, a column of 480 air force soldiers, headed by a band of 30 men marched to Friedrichshohe.

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12. On 27 January, a meeting of officers was held at the Werder airfield and many non-local officers participated. Six generals, who were observed in Werder for the first time, ate in the general's mess. The non-local officers left Werder on 28 January.

13. On 28 January, more than 30 new vehicles were unloaded at Werder freight station by air force soldiers. Of the vehicles, 7 were radio trucks each with a short rod antenna at the four corners, 4 apparently were radio trucks without equipment, and the remaining 19 were two-axle and three-axle trucks.⁴ On 30 January, 25 new trucks [redacted] and 8 new sedans, [redacted]

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[redacted] were unloaded at the freight station.

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14. On 30 December 1952, all innkeepers and liquor store salesmen of the Werder district were summoned to the Werder komendatura and warned against selling alcoholic beverages to Soviet soldiers and officers. They were told that they would be punished and that their shops or inns would be closed if they were apprehended disobeying this order.
15. Between 5 and 29 January, little air activity was observed at Werder airfield. Usually flights were made by a single-engine plane. The following take-offs and landings were observed being made, apparently by the single-engine plane which was probably stationed at the field:

<u>Date in January</u>	<u>Take-Offs</u>	<u>Landings</u>
6	11:50 a.m.	3:20 p.m.
7	10:30 "	
9	10:20 "	3:00 "
10		noon
14	9:30 "	11:40 a.m.
15	-	12:40 p.m.
18	12:30 p.m.	-
20	9:20 a.m.	11:50 a.m.
21	12:20 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
27	10:30 a.m.	-
28	9:00 "	-
29	9:00 "	10:15 a.m. 5

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1. Comment. According to available information, the individual stores referred to as Wirtschaften belong to an air force division each. In addition to the stores mentioned in reference report, there are four Wirtschaften named (8) Toporkov, formerly Makeyev, (11) Krushilnitski, (14) Zulayev, and (17) Shurunov whose assignments have not been determined so far. It was previously reported that there was possibly a connection between Wirtschaft (11) Krushilnitski and the air transport regiment in Staaken. According to the present report, store Toporkov is located in Wittstock, which was inferred from the motor vehicle observed; store Zulayev is in Wittenberg, and store Shurunov in Cottbus. These four stores are possibly assigned to an air force corps each. It is interesting that store Shurunov was to be transferred to Finsterwalde. It was observed in mid-January that a unit from Cottbus was actually transferred to Finsterwalde. The unit transferred probably was assigned to the supply depot of the bomber corps which was previously located in Cottbus.

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2. Comment. The Base of the Third Gds Mecz Army is located in Forst Zinna. 25X1
3. Comment. According to available information, the generals' billets are also located in the road along Lake Zern. 25X1
4. Comment. Glindow which is about 4 km south of the Werder airfield is probably occupied by a portion of the personnel assigned to the army headquarters, probably personnel of the motor transport and signal troops. 25X1
5. Comment. Werder airfield is probably used only by courier planes of the army headquarters. 25X1

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